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GENERAL NOTICE 3107 OF 2023

INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE INTENTION OF THE MINISTER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO RE-ALIGN AND AMEND THE DEFINITION OF THE AREA OF JURISDICTION OF THE DEEDS REGISTRIES IN JOHANNESBURG AND PRETORIA

The general public and all interested parties are hereby invited to comment on the intention of the Minister of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development to re-align and amend the area of jurisdiction of the deeds registries situated in Johannesburg and Pretoria.

In terms of section 1 of the Deeds Registries Act, 1937 (Act No. 47 of 1937), the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development may, from time to time, subject to the laws governing the public service, by notice in the Gazette—

- Establish or disestablish deeds registries;
- Establish or disestablish sub-deeds registries within the area of deeds registries; and
- Determine the names and situation of such offices, define the respective areas thereof, or amend any such determination or definition.

The Minister intends the following:

- To amend the definition of the area of jurisdiction of the deeds registry in Pretoria, to the boundaries of the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, as from a date yet to be determined and published in the Government Gazette;
- To amend the definition of the area of jurisdiction of the deeds registry in Johannesburg, to the boundaries of the Province of Gauteng, excluding the area served by the deeds registry in Pretoria, as from a date yet to be determined and published in the Government Gazette;
- The status quo in respect of the area of jurisdiction of the deeds registries for the registration of the opening of townships, as contemplated in section 46A of the Deeds Registries Act, 1937, and the registration of farm and agricultural land, will remain until legislation has been amended to allow for registration to take place in accordance to the definition of the areas of the deeds registries in Pretoria and Johannesburg, as to be amended.
- The status quo in respect of the areas in the Province of the North West which are served by the deeds registry at Pretoria remains as is until otherwise determined by the Minister by Notice in the Government Gazette.

The purpose of the re-alignment of the areas of jurisdiction of the deeds registries in the Gauteng Province is to ensure improved access to deeds registration services to all citizens of the province. The current service delivery model is of such a nature that clients have to travel long distances in order to access deeds registration services. Re-aligning the areas of jurisdiction of the Pretoria and Johannesburg deeds registries will ensure that the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development implements constitutional reforms in the current service delivery landscape.

The public and all interested parties are hereby invited to make written submissions / comments in connection with the proposed amendments of the areas of jurisdiction of the Pretoria and Johannesburg deeds registries:

For the attention of:

The Chief Registrar of Deeds
Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development
Private Bag X918
Pretoria
0001
E-mail to: deeds.alignment@dalrrd.gov.za or contact: Mr Calvin Ranwedi Neluvhola (012 338 7124)

Written submissions / comments must reach the Chief Registrar of Deeds within 30 days of publication of this notice and submissions / comments received after the closing date may be disregarded.

Kindly also take note of the following:

1. Further information about the proposed amendment of the areas of jurisdiction of the Pretoria and Johannesburg deeds registries will be available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 10h00 and 13h00 only, from the date of publication of this Notice in the Government Gazette, until the closing date for submissions / comments with the exclusion of public holidays from the relevant officials listed below:

Johannesburg Deeds Registry:

Ms Paulina Zwartland, corner Von Wielligh and Jeppe Street, Office No: 2504, 25th floor, Marble Towers Building, office telephone: 011 843 8300/8311 / cellular telephone: 083 290 8065; email: Paulina.Zwartland@dalrrd.gov.za

Pretoria Deeds Registry:

Ms Getrude Ngapo, corner Bosman and Pretorius Street, Office 412, 4th floor, Merino Building, office telephone: 012 338 7274/7034 /8305 / cellular telephone: 082 229 0502, email: Getrude.Ngapo@dalrrd.gov.za

2. Written submissions / comments may be in any South African official language.
3. In instances where submissions / comments are received after the closing date and rejected on the ground that it was received late, requests for condonation for late submission may be granted, which requests for condonation may be granted on good cause shown by the person who submitted the comments, provided that such condonation would not lead to unnecessary delays or otherwise prejudice the public interest. Grounds for condonation must be submitted in writing no later than five (5) working days after the closing date for submissions / comments.
4. After all submissions received from interested and affected parties have been considered by an Internal Review Panel, the Minister's decision regarding the re-alignment of the Johannesburg and Pretoria deeds registries will be published in the Government Gazette as well print and online communication platforms.
5. Interested and affected parties may, after a decision is made by the Minister, institute review proceedings against that decision, as contemplated by section 6(1) of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act 3 of 2000, within the stipulated time frame.

For a detailed notice go to: www.dalrrd.gov.za

MRS A. T. DIDIZA, MP (SIGNED)
MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

